

(c) the frequency of hygiene/quality checks of the kitchen in which the food is cooked; and

(d) whether Government has considered making food fortification compulsory, as a part of MDMS and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Hot cooked meals are being served under the MDMS from 2004-05 onwards; as per records of the MHRD, 65 cases of children falling ill after consuming Mid-Day-Meal have been reported since then.

(b) The action taken has included a warning to the concerned NGO and officers responsible, the initiation of departmental proceedings against the Principal and Inspector, the suspension of erring officials, the registration of criminal cases against the concerned staff/contractor for negligence, the cancellation of the contract of the supplier, the changing of cooks where required, and compensating children as per the directions of the court.

(c) The Mid-Day-Meal Guidelines stipulate that on an average 25% of the Primary Schools and EGS/AIE Centres should be visited in every quarter, and all Primary Schools and EGS/AIE Centres should be visited at least once every year. In addition inspections are carried out by 41 independent Monitoring Institutions such as IIT, Chennai, Viswa Bharti and XLRI Jamshedpur. The Government of India have also deputed 16 Joint Review Missions for an indepth assessment of the Scheme in 16 States of the country during the current year.

(d) The States have been asked to use double fortified salt for the MDMS.

Scholarship scheme for students of Jammu and Kashmir

351. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scholarship scheme for the students of Jammu and Kashmir to pursue the degree courses under various institutes recognized by AICTE;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of students applied/availed benefits thereof during the last three years;

(c) the details of applications received by Government for AICTE scholarships for academic year 2013-14;

(d) the details of students granted scholarships under the scheme;

(e) whether Government has received any complaints against some NGOs for misuse of the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir has been launched since 2011. The Scheme aims to provide tuition fees, hostel fees, cost of books and other incidental charges to 5000 students per year belonging to Jammu and Kashmir who, after passing Class XII or equivalent examination through the State Board of Jammu and Kashmir and from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools located in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Rate of Scholarships is as under:—

Tuition Fees: Upto Rs. 30,000/- per annum for general degree courses.

OR

Upto Rs. 1.25 lakhs per annum for engineering courses.

OR

Upto Rs. 3.00 lakhs per annum for medical studies, including Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

In addition to this, hostel fees and incidentals will also be given for all categories of courses. The ceiling for this will be Rs. 1 lakh per annum.

In the first year (2011-12) of the Scheme a total number of 420 applications were received and scholarships were awarded to 38 eligible students.

In 2012-2013, a total of 5810 applications were received by AICTE. Out of this, 3340 candidates had been found eligible and scholarships have already been released to the Institutes for 2858 candidates.

For the year 2013-14 the total number of application received by AICTE was 6706 out of which in the IMC meeting held on 08.11.2013, 1502 cases were cleared. Another additional 2245 eligible candidates are being considered.

(e) and (f) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed the Ministry that there have been reports alleging that some NGOs have misled the students from Jammu and Kashmir and an inquiry has been ordered by the State CID to investigate the role of various NGOs in the Scheme.